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As a Pennsylvania ferry-boat awing into her silp at Jersey City at a few minutes before one o'clock yesterday afternoon, the crowd scattered about the dock exclaimed in subdued tones: "There ito is; see him, that's Oscar Wilde." The tail figure of the apostic of Estabeticism, clad'in his olive-green overcoat with its other trimmings, and with his large face brightened by a smite and framed in long brown locks, blown about by the wind, was a conspicuous figure, as he stood in the very front of the crowd of passengers pressing against the gunwales of the boat. He had evidently been enjoying a breezy trip across the tawny Hudson, for his eye sparkled and his face was flushed with pleasure as, with a long stride which kept him far in advance even of the eager rush with which a New York crowd escapes from a ferry, and which left his valet struggling hopelessly in the rear with a burden of baggage, he entered the Pennsylvahia station, and passed to the waiting Philadelphia express. His sole companions were W. E. Morse, business mainager for D'Oyly Carte, and a Pixes reporter. The party took seats in the smoking compartment of the Pullman car "Jupiter," and shirtking from curlous eyes into a corner, Mr. Wilde alternately read. For Clairgera' and "The Poetry of Architecture," until the train had fairly started. Then, as he saw through the window the dismal marshes which skirl Jersey City, his eye became melancholy and be contemplatively puffed a cigarette. As the train sped on its way through New Jersey, he acanned the filtting landscape closely, sometimes smilling like a child at a gistening stream or a stretch of yet green meadow, and again seeming to find the sorrow of old age in the frequent expanses of brown country and dripping black undergrowths, made more athesite object on earth, a way station sandwich, restored his spirite enough for him to reception at mr. St. I. M. Barlow's, and I was so late to day that'l had no time to breakfast. Then I have been so kindly received i

This is your first railway ride in America,

'Yes, this is the first time I have ever been "Yes, this is the first time I have ever been in an American railway car. We go so swiftmuch flater than in England. There are but a few fast trains there—the Edinburg and Liverpoot trains, And then there isn't—any such comfort as this. There are but two or three care like this," indicating the sumptuous Pulman with a sweep of the arm," in the country. I hate to fly through a country at this rate. The only true way, you know, to see a country is to ride on horsebuck. I long—to ride through New Maxico and Colorado and California. There are such beautiful flowers there, such quantities of illies and, I am told, whole fields of sunflowers. Your climate is so much liner than that of England, so bright, so sunny, that your flowers are luxuriant," said Mr. Wilde, with a polite disregard of the clouds, and with a delightful ignorance of how bothouses are robbed-of their treasures to let him breathe an atmosphere of fragrance.

"You have reason to be pleased with your reception in the United States!"

"O, yes, indeed. Do you know, the right before I landed I was wondering how it, would be—thinking of the cloud of misrepresentation that must have preceded me, and wondering whether the people would wait to know me for what I sin. But a post must be fondifferent to blame, as he must be to praise. He deserves neither till long after h is' dead. Not till then can lie be judged. While one is living, one can only work for what is to be. Do you know,"—his face lighting up with a sudden smile while his eyes roamed reflectively,—"our people in England took the greatest interest in my coming to America—No,"—in reply to a suggestion by the reporter,—"no, they did not regard it at all as an æsthetic mission-to a barbatous elline; but our artists wish very much to have their ideas planted and growing in America."

"This impossible to define them yet. In this, my first lecture, which I am now delivering, I endeavor to explain the spirit of our art thories. As for the particular form it may take I must know something of your woods for

Bant them with something, so many beautinit. It sings will grow in a marsh. Why, they might have great fields of callas growing there! Do you understand my line for lilles, and roses, and sunflowers! No! O, don't you know, there is no flower so purely decorative as the sunflower. In the house, it is perhaps too large and glaring. But how lovely a line of them are in a garden, against a wall, or massed in groups! Its form is perfect. See how it lends itself to design, how suggestive it is. So many beautiful, very beautiful wall papers have been designed from the sunflower. It is purely decorative," and the sunflower worshipper became lost in reverie. Then, opening rise eyes wide, his whole face radiant, he resumed: "And the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. There's no flower I love so much as the lily. That, too, is perfect in form, and purely decorative. How graceful, how pure, how altogether lovely its shape, its tender poise upon the stem. And you have such—beautiful lilies in America. I've seen a new one that we do not have to England, that star-absped lily. I always foved lilles. At Oxford I kept may room filled with them, and I had a garden of them; where I used to work very offen. As passionate. They suggest the feeling where the others august the form. low sitogether lovely its shape, its ender poise upon the stem. And you have such-beautiful littles in America. I've seen a new one that we do not have in Zagland, that star-shaped lift. I slaves loved liftle. At Garoff I kept may from filled with them, and I had a garden of tam, where i used to work very often. As for foces, they are so full of color, so rich, so passimate. They suggest the feeling where the others auggest the feeling where the others auggest the feeling where the others outline. With do not people grow there overwhere. It was pleased with the hard of the first to the farm hank the very where. It is a feel of the first to the farm hank the very life. As for for the same the others outline. With do now current what the others outline. With do now current what the others outline. With do now current what the others outline. With do now current was present were broken and the first of th

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"You have been quoted as saying that the women's dresses in "Fatience's are not engagerated."

"On, the embroidery and paintings on the dresses are made for stage effect, and are larger than are worn in what is called good society. But in design they are correct. Patience, by the way, he stone aur. cause no harm. Ridicule may be a serious weapon, but there should be that in a true poet or a gentine cause which is indestructible; and there is indestructibility in our éause. Oh, no, people understand thus 'Patience' is merely a burleque. I enjoyed it very much. The music is delightful, and that is certainly on our side, even if the words are not."

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"Speaking of dresses—how do you like the beauty of their American wearers?"

"I am charmed with American beauty. They possess a certain delicacy of outlice surpassing Knglish women. And there is a charm about this curve bere," said Wilde, drawing his linger from chesk to chin, "that is peculiarly fascinating. But the color of English women is richer and warmer, I think. I saw Clara Morris on the stage in New York one evening, and I was as delighted with her as with Sara. Bernhardt, who had told me very much about her charm; and I have met many surpassingly beautiful young ladies since my arrival. Mrs. Langtry, I may tell you, is quite with met all this movement. She has an artistic house, all the reprutation for beauty, and aympathizes thoroughly with the sushetic school."

MR. WILDE'S POLITIC "What are your politics, Liberal or Conservative, Mr. Wilde ?"

'O, do you know, those matters are of no it terest to me. "I know only two terms—cavilization and barbarism: and I am on the side of
twilization. It is very strange, that in the
House of Commons you never hear the word
civilization. They spend night after night
aquabbling over petty things, when they ought
to be working against barbarism. Then, in
our country there is seldom, a plece of legislation that does not benefit one class more than
another; and that perhaps makes the wretched
party spirit more bitter. But Gladstone is the
greatest Frime Minister England ever had.
A short time before I came to America,
he said—to me that from the United
States would come at once the greatest danger and the greatest good to civilization. The greatest danger in the wast accumulation of capital, and the greatest good
in the perfect simplicity of American politics,
and in the fact that the only reason for the
passage of a great law over here is that it is for
the good of the whole-people. The personal
control of capital, with the power it gives over
labor and life, has only appeared in modern
American life. We have as yet nothing like it
in England. We call a man rich over there
when he owns a share of Scotland, or a county
or so. But he doesn't have such a control of
ready money as does an American capitalist.
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"What poet do you most admire in American literature?"

I think that Walt, Whitman and Emerson have given the world more than anyone else.

I do so hope to meet Mr. Whitman. Perhaps he is not widely read in England, but England never appreciates a poet until the is dead," said Mr. Wilde with a trace of bitterness. "I admire him intensely—Dante, Bosetti, Swntburne, William Morris and I often discuss him. There is something so Greek and sane about his poetry; it is so universal, so comprehensive. It has all the pantheism of Gosthe and Schillier. Poets, you know, are always shead of science, althe great discoveries of science have been stated before in poetry. So far as science comes in contact with our school, we love its practical side; but we think it absurd to seek to make the material include the spiritual, to make the body mean the soul, to say that one emotion is only a secretion of sugar, and another nothing but a-contraction of the spine. Why does not science busy itself with drainage and sanitary engineering? Why does it not clean the street and free the rivers from pollution? Why, in England there is searcely a river which at some point is not polluted; and the flowers are all withering on the banks!" And Mr. Wilde again lapsed into melancholy.

About Novel Werkers. ABOUT NOVEL WRITERS.

"Do you think Mallock's 'Romance of the

"Do you think Mallock's 'Romance of the Nineteenth Century' a correct plature of a section of English society?"

"No novel can include England," was the quick reply. "I enjoyed reading that book, though it has its many faults. But I have repeatedly upheld it against attack, because it is the first attempt by an English novel-writer to grapple with English society as it actually is. I mean by that, it is the first attempt to picture lives that are-themselves interesting. George Elliot has made perfect pictures of lives in the provinces, and so have others; but Dickens and Thackeray are our only novel-writers who have touched London life realistically. We have nobody in English literature, for example, like Balzac, who has lived through so many changes of government and upheavals of society, and who mirrors all so, exactly. A novel-writer must himself live what he portrays."

At this point, the train reached Trenton, where Robert E. Winner Joined the party, and the conversation became general. During the approach to Philadolphia, Mr. Wildeshowed an eager interest in the many novel things he saw, the listened with wide-open eyes to an explan-

approach to Philadelphia, Mr. Whideshowed an eager interest in the many novel things he saw. He listened with wide-open eyes to an explanations of a long train of oil cars, but did not say whether he found any beauty in them. A glimpse of Fairmount Park brought back his happy smile, and he was greatly pleased with the ride over the elevated tracks and with the Broad street stations. As his conspicuous figure walked through the waiting room, many a whispered comment flew about; but the sesting of the station of the sations. thete dived into a cab, and was whirled quickly away to his quarters at the Aldine Hotel. A RECEPTION TO THE ASTRETS,

Introduced to Philadelphia in the Drawlag-Boom of Robert Stewart Davis Oscar Wilde remained quietly at his hotel, the Aldine, throughout the afternoon. At a few minutes before eight o'clock he was driven Oscar Wilde remained quietly at his hotel, the Aldine, throughout the afternoon. At a few minutes before sight o'clock he was driven to the residence of Robert Blewart Davis, 1801 Spruce steept, where a reception was given in his honor. The hours of the reception were from sight to ten o'clock, and the spacious rooms were filled with prominent gentlemen during those hours. Between the hours of pine and ten the company of greats were heavy die.

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nand, King of Navene, welcoming the Princesa

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Then Mr. Wilde gazed yearingly on a piamocover, which was a Persian rug of cloth of gold, having embroklered upon it the conventionalized tree of life. He reposed for a moment in an elaborately carried fatalian chair by Fernini, while he appreciated the fact that the principle of Gothic art. of a lack of uniformity was carried out in the furniture about him, no two pieces of which were alike, and all being upholstered in Japanese silk of odd designs.

Some of the most distinguished of the invited gueste were absent, and many old Philadelphians pronounced the receptor, in strendance though not in appointment, rather tame. Wat Whitman, who had told Mr. Winner that Mr. Wilde could not be more anxious to meet him than he was to meet Mr. Wilde, was not present.

Among those present were Daniel Dougherty, cz. Mayor. Stokiery, J. B. Lippincott, George L., Lathrop, Wharton Barkerf Roger Sherman, Rev. Dr. Henry Morton, Joseph A. Winner, A. M. Horkness, Charles Hoher Clark, J. H. Stoddert, Charles G. Ireland, Judge Biddle, Charles H. Gramp, John Faster Kirke, A. Loudon Snowden, Adam Everly, James Abbott, Dr. Cheston Worris, Henry M. Phillips, Jr. Calesse Senuel Belin, Dr. D. G. Brinton, Colonel B. Dale Beason, Judges Allison, Elecck and Peries, J. P. Wetherlil, Professor Krauth, vice-provest of the University, Professor Krauth, vice-provest of the University, Professor Suntan, vice-provest of the University, Professor Barker, J. G. Bosengarten and many others.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS,

The Board of Trade to Memorialize the Connolis on the Subject.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trade was held last evening at their rooms in the Mercantile Library building. President John Welsh occupied the chair. A communication was received from the American Agriculturis. Association of New York, announcing a convention of agriculturist, to be held early in February, and requesting the attondance of delegates from this city. A communication was read from the Baltimore Board of Grade requesting the cooperation of the corresponding body in this city in addressing a memorial to Congress asking that juridiction and authority be given to sudit claimagainst the large balance of Genera Award money which yet remains undistributed. The Joint Committee on Commerce and Inland Transportation presented a report in reference to the subject of underground transportation, which stated that the committee had carefully considered, the papers of S. C. dans. upon the subject of underground relays and had availed thermselves of all other sources of information on the subject at their disposal. The result of their examinations is that they conclude that the construction of a system of tunnels under the city for rapid transit is, entirely practicable. The cost-would more than compensate for the additional outlay. Appended to the report were recolutions which was agreed to, the effect that a memorial be addressed to deliver an address the auspices of the Board of Trade, upon the autification while was agreed to, thus fladelph Herning be requested to deliver an address index the auspices of the Board of Trade, upon the subject of darkness and every beard upo

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A Hoy's Fatal Hoast,

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The fifth annual meeting of the Pennaylranis Society to Protect Children from Gracky
vas held last syering at Natatorium Hall, on
Broad street, below Walnut. Addresses were
pade by ex Mayor Daniel M. Fox, who presided lat the meeting; Henry Flander, Esd.;
Rev. Dr. McIntosh, Robert P. Payne, of Boston,
and Herbert Welsh.

Brocksional Sneak Thieves.

Special Officers Carpenter and Colburn, of the Twenty, third district, yesterday arrested Michael Gorman, alias Medium, and Michael Gorman, alias Medium, and Michael McDonnell, well-known sneak interjes, at Broad and Master streets, where they had made several attempts to enter houses. The acqueed were committed to prison for ninety days each were committed to prison by Magistrate Riley.

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